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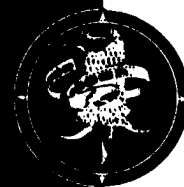
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### NEW TACTICAL AVIATION AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINO-SOVIET BORDER, USSR (S)

1. (S/WNINTEL) A new Soviet tactical aviation airfield consisting of a 2,508- by 44-meter, partially complete, northeast/southwest concrete runway; a parallel taxiway; two end-connecting links; and a link taxiway was identified near Krasnyy Velikan in a midstage of construction on imagery of [redacted] (Figure 1).

2. (S/WNINTEL) The airfield was first observed in a very early stage of construction on [redacted] and was reported as Krasnyy Velikan Airfield [redacted]. However, the majority of construction work on the airfield has taken place since [redacted] with approximately 2,000 meters of the main runway having been completed by September. Construction, with concrete slabs, is continuing at the northeast end of the runway. A construction support area including a housing and two vehicle storage facilities is adjacent to the main runway. No permanent airfield support facilities have been observed. A road extends beyond the limits of photographic coverage to the east and may lead to other support facilities.

3. (S/WNINTEL) It cannot be determined from the current stage of construction if the airfield will serve as a deployed tactical aviation airfield or as a hardened dispersal airfield. Three major Soviet military airfields (Figure 2) are within a 100-nautical-mile (nm) radius of Krasnyy Velikan Airfield--- Borzya Airfield Northwest [redacted] and Olovyannaya Airfield [redacted] tactical aviation airfields, and Khada Bulak Airfield North [redacted] a PVO aviation airfield.

4. (S) Krasnyy Velikan Airfield is 24 nm southeast of Borzya and 27 nm north-northeast of the Sino-Soviet Border in the Transbaikal Military District.

(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [redacted] Warsaw Pact Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, [redacted]

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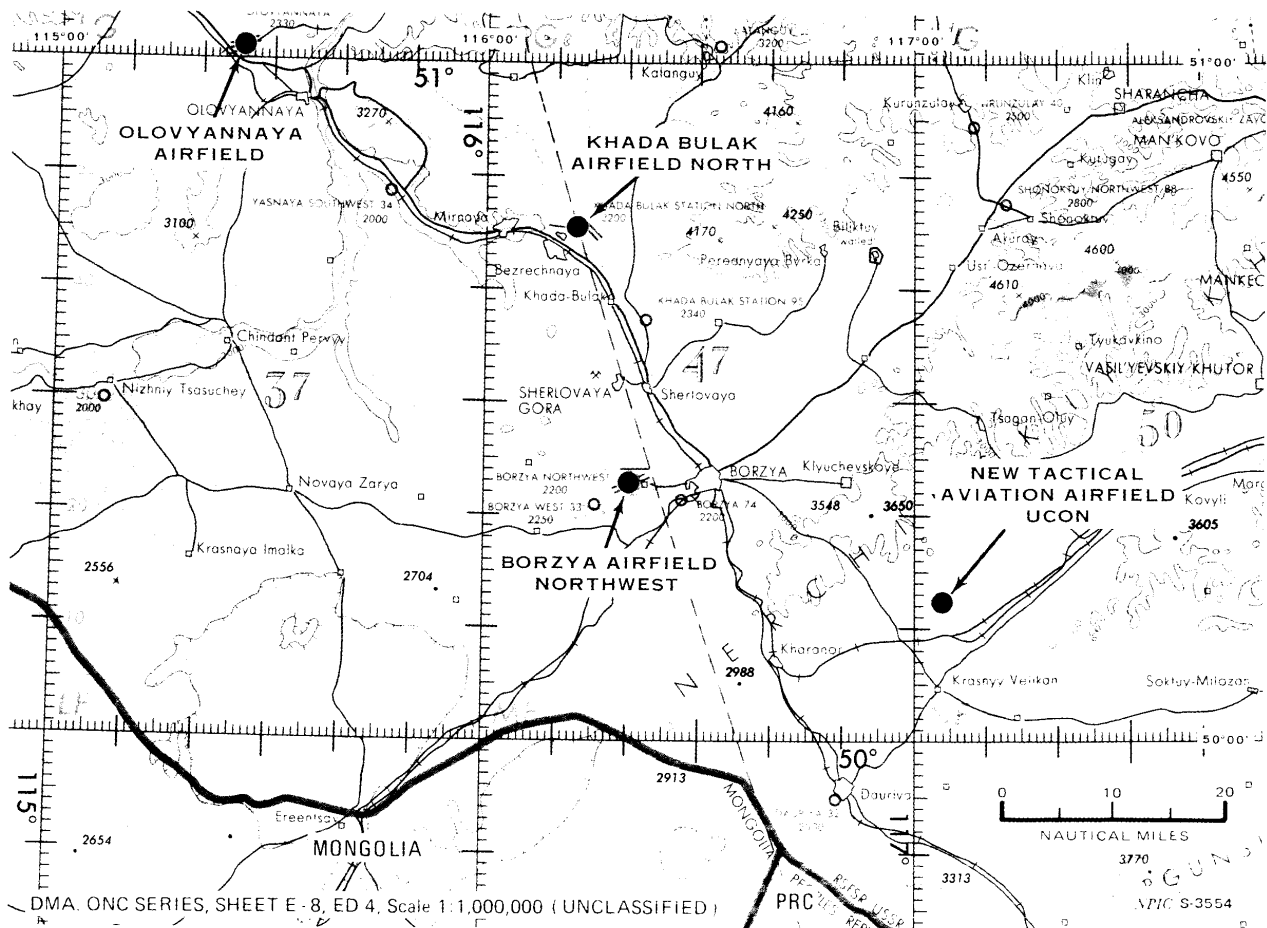


FIGURE 2. MAJOR SOVIET MILITARY AIRFIELDS WITHIN 100 NM OF NEW AIRFIELD



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